

U.S. Stops Bombing North Vietnam



VIETNAM PRINCIPALS: These are some of the principals in the Vietnam situation. Top, from left, are President Richard Nixon; South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu and North Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Van Dong. Bottom, from left, are Le Duc Tho, North Vietnamese peace negotiator; Dr. Henry Kissinger, Nixon's adviser who said in Washington Thursday "peace is at hand" in Vietnam; and Xuan Thuy, chief North Vietnamese delegate to the Paris peace talks. (AP Wirephoto)

It's Another Step To Peace

LONDON (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird announced today that American warplanes have halted all bombing operations on North Vietnam above the 20th Parallel.

Laird spoke with newsmen after a meeting of the North Atlantic Alliance's Nuclear Planning Group. He refused to say whether the United States was still flying

reconnaissance missions north of the 20th Parallel but he appeared to take one step further an announcement in Washington on Thursday by presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger told a news conference the United States had informed North Vietnam that "we would stop military activities north of the 20th Parallel." Laird confirmed that these activities have now stopped. "We are flying no sorties north of the 20th Parallel," Laird said.

Although American mines in Haiphong harbor are included in the U.S. military activities north of the 20th Parallel, Laird refused to say when these mines might be deactivated or how long the process would take.

He also declined to discuss the substance of the latest Vietnam peace moves, which he described as "serious, sensitive and significant."

Meanwhile in Washington, the United States waited today for a direct signal from Hanoi to open the last round of secret talks that Henry A. Kissinger promises could bring peace to Vietnam "in a matter of weeks, or less."

The presidential adviser, saying "peace is at hand...an agreement is within sight," told newsmen Thursday that "what remains to be done can be settled in one more negotiating session...lasting, I would think, no more than three or four days."

But in Saigon, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu raised questions today about just how near at hand peace might be in Indochina. And North Vietnam also cast doubts on a quick settlement.

Kissinger said the North Vietnamese were asked last Sunday to set the time and place for settling the ambiguities that arose in the push to meet a Hanoi-requested rush timetable.

North Vietnam said today, however, it had rejected prolonging of negotiations and Washington must bear "full responsibility for the fact that the already complete peace agreement has not been signed and the war is dragging on in Vietnam."

The statement came in the form of an editorial in the official newspaper Nhan Dan, but it did not mention Kissinger, and it was not immediately clear whether it was a response to his comments.

The statement, broadcast by radio Hanoi, said all conditions of an agreement to end the fighting have been agreed to and North Vietnam is ready to sign the agreement with the

United States.

In his first public reaction to the Kissinger announcement, Thieu told a crowd of supporters at the presidential palace in Saigon that peace will come to

his war-torn country "when I sign the agreement."

"Any agreements between the United States and the North Vietnamese is their affair," Thieu told some 1,000 city and

provincial councilmen and National Assembly deputies.

"We don't know exactly what agreements have been (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)

Shriver Fears Pact A 'Trick'

DETROIT (AP) — Sargent Shriver says the 60,000 Americans killed in Vietnam may "have died in vain," that the administration's peace breakthrough may prove to be "one more political trick" by President Nixon.

Shriver, who began his campaign two months ago by saying Nixon "blew" a chance to end the war in early 1969, was asked by a Detroit television interviewer if American victims of Vietnam "died in vain."

"I'm sorry to say I think it's possible," the Democratic vicepresidential candidate replied. "I don't like to say that."

Bomb Threat Cancels Meeting In Benton

A telephoned bomb threat and possible disruption from a group of concerned citizens calling for the suspension of a township patrolman caused the cancellation of the Benton township planning commission meeting last night, according to Martin Lane, township supervisor.

Lane said a bomb threat was

received by a township secretary Thursday afternoon saying a bomb was planted and set to explode at the evening meeting. Lane indicated the township had received another such call Wednesday.

A group of about 20 black persons met with Lane yesterday morning and afternoon demanding suspension

of township officers involved in the shotgun death of Carlton Hull, 14, a black, who was shot while fleeing officers in a stolen car Oct. 17.

Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor said in a ruling released Friday, Oct. 20, that the shooting of Hull, of 860 Waukonda avenue, Benton Harbor, was "reasonable and justifiable." Taylor said police had no way of knowing who was driving the stolen and fleeing car. Therefore they had to act to prevent further escape from the felony, and further possible harm to the public.

Spokesmen for the protesters also demanded that policemen not carry shotguns in patrol cars and that township police stay out of black neighborhoods until the patrolmen involved

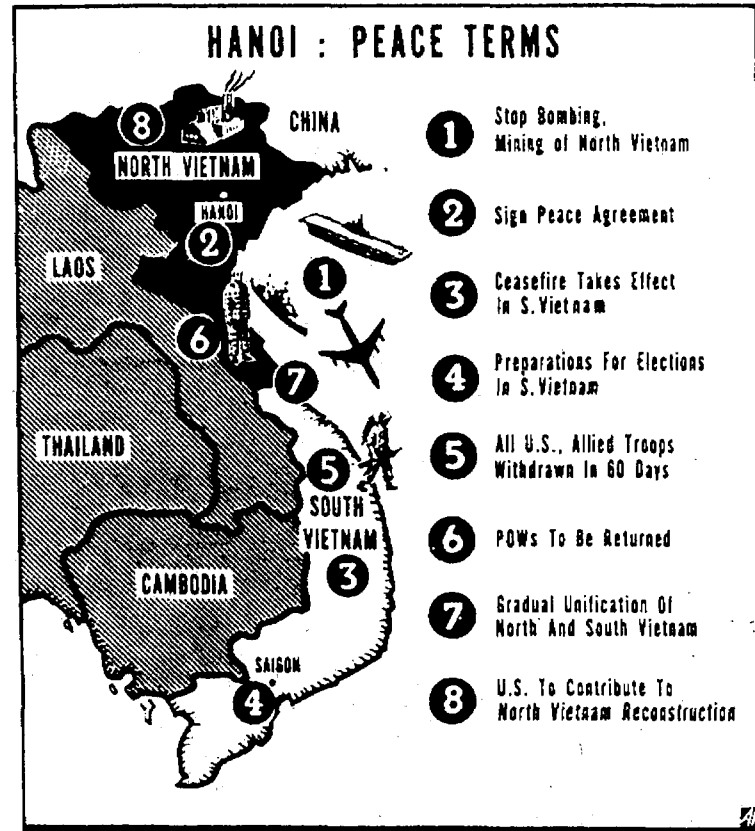
were suspended.

The cessation of patrol demand did not include state police, sheriff's officers or Benton Harbor police.

Lane said there was no reason to connect the group making the demands with the bomb threats. No bombs have been found, Lane indicated, but said the township wanted to take no chances when a large group of people would be gathered.

Capt. Paul Farris of the Benton township police department said the group's demands were forceful. He said one person said the "township would be torn apart," and police cars blocked from

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PEACE TERMS, SAYS HANOI: According to Hanoi, the United States and North Vietnam have agreed to a set of peace terms governing the agreement. Hanoi also said, in its nine-point summary of peace terms, that "The United States will respect the independence, sovereignty, unification, and territorial integrity of Vietnam." (AP Wirephoto Map)

DeVries Memorial Fund Tops \$12,000

NILES — Contributions to a memorial fund for state police Trooper Steven B. DeVries of Niles have surpassed \$12,000.

The fund represents the combined efforts of several groups and numerous individuals to help the family of DeVries, who was shot and killed Oct. 12.

He is survived by a widow and two young sons. DeVries was 32 years old.

More than \$2,500 was raised through a benefit supper at Franky's restaurant, sponsored by Niles Policemen's association. Police report another \$2,000 came from a dance sponsored by Niles American Legion post 26.

In Buchanan, a canister drive by Buchanan Policemen's association has netted \$790, including one \$200 gift.

A fund started at the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan by Niles Jaycees and Jayshes has reached about \$7,000, bank officials report.

Unusual gifts include a quarter of beef by Mr. and Mrs. John O. Foster of M-140, Niles; a market hog by Stanley and James Reed, owners of Reed's hog farm on Hatfield road, Niles; slaughtering of the animals by Bill Newsom of 3875 West Bertrand road, Niles; and processing by Ned's Processing of 2555 Juniper avenue, Niles, and by Baroda Locker plant.

A benefit bowling tour-

nament is planned at Shula's 31 Bowl on US-31, south of Niles, Nov. 4-5 and Nov. 11-12.

Contributions are being accepted at any office of the First National Bank of South-

western Michigan, whose west side branch in Niles was held up only minutes before Trooper DeVries was killed. A Detroit man has been charged with both the \$38,700 bank robbery and murder of DeVries.

Prosecution Case Against Purnell Nearing An End

BY ALAN AREND Staff Writer

Five more witnesses took the stand on behalf of the prosecution in the second day of testimony in the trial of David Jordan Purnell, 24, accused slayer of Janet Uland.

Those testifying before Judge William S. White in Berrien circuit court Thursday were: William Bartz, owner of Bartz Pontiac, Benton Harbor; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Blythe, former neighbors of Purnell; Robert Johnston, detective with the Benton Harbor state police post; and Donald Bennett, director of the state police crime laboratory in East Lansing.

Following nearly five hours of testimony Thursday, it was indicated that the prosecution may wind up its presentation much earlier than expected, perhaps even today.

Earlier it was predicted that the trial could last from three to four weeks. It still could

depending on the length of Defense Counsel S. Jack Keller's presentation on behalf of Purnell.

Thus far both the prosecution and defense have been cooperative in handling routine court issues outside the courtroom in Judge White's chambers, which has helped in advancing the trial to its current stage.

One of the jurors was excused by Judge White, Thursday morning from further participation in the trial, due to serious illness of a close relative. There are now 13 jurors hearing the case. One will be eliminated by lot before the jury retires to consider a verdict. The jury now includes seven women and six men.

The partially clad body of Miss Uland, 20, of St. Joseph township, was found in a ditch off Thar road in Hagar township the morning of June 18,

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MARRIED IN JAIL: In the first formal-type ceremony ever held in the Van Buren county jail, Robert Ray Kirby, 25, left, and Patsey Jean Goyette, 26, were married yesterday by the Rev. William Most, director of the Forgotten Man Mission and chaplain for the Michigan Sheriff's association, extreme right. Attendants were Sheriff and Mrs. Richard Stump, center. Kirby, an Indiana native, is a prisoner in the jail awaiting resentencing on a charge of auto theft. He is to be resentenced in circuit court Monday. (Staff photo)

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Editorial Page

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Proposal B--A Matter For Individual Conscience

Of five state-wide propositions on the Nov. 7 ballot, the one that has generated by far the most emotional reaction is Proposal "B"—so-called abortion reform.

For the past several weeks, letters to this newspaper have been illustrating the deep ideological conflict that exists among members of the general public. Readers opposed to legalized abortion call it "murder." Others, equally concerned about morality but with a different perspective, believe, as one Hartford reader wrote this week, that "the most important" right of an unborn fetus "is the right to enter a world where he can be adequately fed, clothed, housed and educated—a world where he is loved and wanted."

Proposal B would relax Michigan's long-standing prohibition against other than therapeutic abortion. Up to a point in the time of pregnancy, abortion would be decided between the expectant mother and her physician. The proposed law would allow a licensed medical or osteopathic physician to perform an abortion at the request of the patient, if (1) the period of gestation has not exceeded 20 weeks, and (2) if the procedure is performed in a licensed hospital or other facility approved by the Department of Public Health.

This newspaper recommends adoption of Proposal B.

The recommendation should not be construed as an endorsement of easy abortion. The change in the law would simply give individual women freedom of choice. It forces no one to have an abortion.

Any individual or religious group would still be free to label abortion as murder, a sin. Other individuals and religious groups, however, would have the right to limit reproduction through abortion if it

fits their concept of morality.

There has always been a great deal of hypocrisy concerning abortion in this country. Until some states began legalizing abortion, the wealthy of America simply sent unfortunate daughters, or unhappy wives, abroad. At present, those who have enough money can get legal operations in New York or one of 16 other states that have liberalized their laws within the past five years.

Proposal B simply gives the poor and the uninformed the same right as the well-to-do and the rich.

There is doubt whether Michigan can retain its present anti-abortion law even if voters reject Proposal B. Several similar laws of other states have been invalidated by courts. Michigan's own law just this month was declared unconstitutional by a circuit court in a decision that is waiting review. This week's Time magazine says a majority of legal observers predict the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately will rule all similar anti-abortion laws unconstitutional.

Certainly Proposal B—statutory control to provide safe abortions up to a limit of 20 weeks—is better than no regulation at all.

One particularly hypocritical facet of the abortion debate has been the inference that abortion will not occur if there is a law against it. Actually, even when all 50 states had stringent anti-abortion laws, an estimated one-million operations were being performed annually in the U.S. As late as 1967 only about 9,000 of the million were legal. Today, about 250,000 are being performed legally per annum — by qualified doctors under regulated conditions.

Legal abortion, within limits, is better than a law that has kept the dirty, dangerous illegal abortion racket thriving for generations.

Kansas City Shortens Path From Car To Plane

Getting there is definitely not half the fun, as any seasoned air traveler can attest.

As air transportation has grown and airports have expanded, the problem is not just getting to the airport, but to the airplane itself. Any plane within a half-mile of the ticket counter is close.

They've done something about it in

Kansas City, where a new \$250-million airport goes into operation in November.

A design concept called "gate arrival" shortens to about 300 feet the distance from parked car to parked airplane. Instead of a main terminal building with long concourses extending fingerlike out to the plane, there is a cluster of one-level, C-shaped buildings in a triangle formation.

A passenger can drive into and park in the open center of whichever C his plane is departing from. Planes are positioned on the outer perimeter of each building. In 33 steps from the terminal entrance—the width, not the length, of the terminal—he's checked in and boarding the plane.

It's possible, airport officials say, that a passenger embarking on one of the huge jumbo jets may walk farther to his seat after he enters the plane than he did through the terminal.

A Touch Of Melancholy In News From The Alps

There's a corny old story about two men who were lost in the snows in the high Alps near the Hospice St. Bernard. When they had about given up hope of rescue one of them spied a St. Bernard dog trudging across the snow toward them, bearing the

traditional small cask of brandy. The man shouted joyously, "Look, here comes man's best friend!"

To which the other replied, "Yeah, and would you look at the size of the dog that's bringin' it."

We call to the attention of readers another story about the hospice of the Monks of St. Augustine at Grand St. Bernard, Switzerland, and about their famous shaggy dogs. This is a true story. The word from the monastery is that the kennel of St. Bernards, with the exception of two dogs specially trained in avalanche rescue work, are being moved to the lowlands for the winter. Only three monks will remain at the hospice with the dogs, ready to help should skiers get caught in an avalanche.

The reason is simple: an automobile tunnel through the mountain removes the need for travelers to cross the Grand St. Bernard pass. Thus the principal historic function of the dogs, to rescue travelers lost in the snow, no longer is required. That's progress, of course, but there's a touch of melancholy about the news that the wonderful St. Bernards are scarcely needed anymore.

Big Leap Forward?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

ELKS' EXCHANGE

IN 24th YEAR
—1 Year Ago—

St. Joseph Elks will celebrate the 24th anniversary of a unique movement launched just after World War II that has linked them closely with Chicago South Elks club.

Tomorrow, St. Joseph Elks Lodge 541 will exchange officers with Chicago South Elks for an initiation ceremony, an annual tradition that began in 1948. Originator of the exchange was Ed Zick, then exalted ruler of the St. Joseph

lodge.

PICK QUEEN

AT BUCHANAN
—10 Years Ago—

Miss Janet Penwell was crowned as Homecoming Queen of Buchanan high school during half time ceremonies during the Buchanan, Brandywine football game in Buchanan.

Miss Penwell was crowned by Miss Linda Lighter, last year's queen. Miss Penwell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Penwell, East River road, and has light brown hair

and green eyes. She was elected by the student body from a field of eight senior girls.

JAPS ABANDON

3 VITAL FIELDS
—29 Years Ago—

Three vital airfields on which Japan had depended to block the American march up the Solomons to Rabaul have been bombed into uselessness and enemy planes have abandoned them.

Whether the Japanese ever will try to restore them remains to be determined but headquarters disclosed today that, for the time being, United States bombs have knocked out the big enemy airdrome of Kahili and the Kara strip, both on southern Bougainville, and the Ballale fighter strip in the Shortlands immediately south.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

ASKS A QUESTION

Editor,

A reader writes "An adult human being who has formed contact with his or her environment can scarcely be compared fairly with an unborn fetus."

Let's try it again, this way—"An adult human being, etc., can scarcely be compared fairly with a one-year-old baby."

So what next? Do we make it legal to Murder all babies under one year old in response to the liberated women who had a baby and then decided that it wasn't what they really wanted?

Mrs. R. Michiaels
7 Paw Paw Street
Three Oaks.

RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE CALLED REAL ISSUE

Editor,

The legal aspect of the pro and anti-abortion arguments should be settled when the Michigan Supreme Court and, hopefully eventually, the U.S. Supreme Court makes a final ruling. In the meantime, something to think about is tolerance and the First Amendment in our Bill of Rights, which guarantees personal freedom of religion, speech and press. We tolerate all kinds of religions and philosophies, though we don't accept their beliefs for ourselves. Those who argue that abortion is murder are stating their belief, based on their own philosophy or their religion.

But there are many people who believe that a baby is vitally different from a fetus. Who but God can say the exact moment when a fetus becomes human?

Therefore we say: Let the thousands of people who support abortion reform have their legal freedom to do what they think is morally right for them.

A YES vote on Proposal B is a vote for religious tolerance.

Roena Moore
Route 1, Box 354
Hartford

WORLD WAR II MOTHERS SAY THANKS

Editor,

Mothers of World War II, Victory Chapter, wish to thank

you for publishing the announcement for our Poinsettia drive.

Also the Herald-Press, St. Joseph; Radio stations W.S.B.T-FM and W.S.J.M. for announcing our drive: Whirlpool, Goldblatts and the new Jewell Store; the city commissions of the twin cities for our permit to sell on the streets.

Our drive was very successful and the public was very generous again this year.

Thanks to everyone who helped.

Mrs. Alma Frakes, Rec. Secy.
Benton Harbor Unit 1.

IT MADE HIS DAY

Editor,

Thanks to the City of St. Joseph.

In my daily walks, I passed by the World War I monument of a soldier in the park, on Lake Boulevard.

Each day I noticed that the rifle in the hand of the soldier has been replaced, including the bayonet.

Some marbleheads have been taking the bayonet off of the rifle; and the American Legion has been replacing the same.

This time the City of St. Joseph has replaced the same. When I went past that monument this morning, I saw that the rifle had been replaced.

I am a veteran of World War I, the U.S. Marine Corps. It really made my day for me.

Fred "Chic" Lang
Post 163, American Legion.

FOR FREE CHOICE ON ABORTIONS

Editor,

The other day a letter from an organization which calls itself the Voice of the Unborn arrived and urged me to vote no on Proposal B which will be on the Michigan ballot November 7.

Let's see why Proposal B — PROPOSAL TO ALLOW ABORTION UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS — was put on the ballot.

Do you know that babies who are denied love and fondling, who get only routine physical care, will die or will sink into

RETURN HOME

—39 Years Ago—

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Doroh of Royalton township have returned from a visit with relatives in Chicago, where they attended the World's Fair.

SELL HOTEL

—49 Years Ago—

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Marquardt have sold their hotel in Stevensville to W. and S. Mongreig, who will take possession at once. The Marquardts are leaving for Chicago.

TO RECLAIM LAND

—59 Years Ago—

Experts from Michigan Agricultural college in East Lansing are working on a plan to reclaim hundreds of acres of muck and peat lands in Berrien county. The lands lie along the St. Joseph river, Paw Paw and Galien rivers and at Grand Mere, back from Lake Michigan in Lincoln township.

SECURES CONTRACT

—81 Years Ago—

W. J. Newland has secured the contract for doing the brick work on the new extension of the Hotel Whitcomb and will set a large force of men at work at once. The main part of the hotel will be remodeled this fall and a number of modern improvements added. The house will be closed Saturday night so work can start next week.

BERRY'S WORLD



"I have not decided for whom I shall vote. No one, so far, has really appealed to my deepest fears and frustrations!"

Ray Cromley

Cease-Fire Not A Real Peace



WASHINGTON (NEA)—If history repeats itself, the intensity of the ground war could increase under the Vietnam leopard-spot type cease-fire in which each side held to the bits and pieces of territory occupied when the stop-the-shooting agreement went into effect.

The bombing would halt. So, temporarily, would major ground action by conventional units. But underground killings and assassinations would likely increase dramatically as both sides sought to assert permanent supremacy in the areas their troops controlled.

This is what happened in North Vietnam at the end of World War II during a cease fire between the Nationalists and the Communists.

The objective of the assassinations could be every minor citizen of influence who favored the other side, and every military and guerrilla cadre in every hamlet in South Vietnam. The major political types would be able to protect themselves for the most part.

It is the small man who would be targeted—the South Vietnamese cooperative treasurer, the fishing co-op leader, the small union official, the hamlet chief, the small farmer with a mind of his own, the schoolteacher who stands fast to what he believes.

A cease-fire would also be a time of arms build-up and intense negotiations with outside allies. In the post World War II truce, Ho Chi Minh's Communists wangled a deal with the French to supply them with artillery, rifles and machineguns to knock out the Nationalists with whom they were at "peace."

In a 1972 cease-fire, the North Vietnamese, if they operate as in the past, would use the truce to bring in heavy quantities of arms and equipment from the Soviet Union and China and

distribute these arms down the Ho Chi Minh trails or across the Demilitarized Zone to their cadre in the Hanoi-held leopard spots in South Vietnam. That is, as in the first agreement in Laos, which did allow the Communist areas. In two provinces, the North Vietnamese would use a cease-fire to build their military strength in base areas in the South.

The South Vietnamese, of course, would counter this Communist build-up with a similar program of their own, if able to secure the continued flow of American arms and equipment.

Meanwhile, the killing would go on. The ratio of civilian to military deaths would probably increase dramatically.

Thus far, in recent history, policing cease-fires has failed miserably.

The treaty on Laos was violated within hours after the pact was signed, despite a three-nation control commission. North Vietnamese troops, though agreeing to return home, blatantly and openly continued to use the eastern half of that country (the Ho Chi Minh trails) as a military highway, storage, rest and recuperation and assembly area for the war in South Vietnam. They also periodically raided western Laos for the rice and opium crops.

The cease-fire in Korea saw an end to the fighting (though after some considerable time) because the United Nations forces had absolute control in the South. There was no leopard spot pattern. But the provisions of the treaty, which called for no military build-up were violated by the North Koreans and their allies before the ink was dry on the pact despite international inspection teams. The South thereupon followed "suit" in self-defense.

Marianne Means

Amnesty Is Big Campaign Issue



WASHINGTON — Vice President Spiro Agnew got his biggest applause before a Pittsburgh dinner of traditionally Democratic union members when he lambasted Sen. George McGovern for favoring a general amnesty for draft evaders.

John Connally, chairman of Democrats-for-Nixon, personally inserted in his television speech last week four paragraphs condemning McGovern for his amnesty position.

During a telethon in Cleveland, McGovern fielded a hostile question about amnesty; similar questions are frequent at press conferences and talk sessions wherever he goes.

Of all the social issues that Republicans had anticipated would portray McGovern as permissive toward changing life styles, amnesty is the only one that has stuck. Once past the more cosmic questions of the economy, foreign policy and credibility, local Democratic politicians men-

tions amnesty more often than any other specific issue as damaging to the McGovern campaign.

Originally, Nixon strategists had hoped to bug McGovern with charges of being soft on the three A's — acid, abortion, and amnesty. But McGovern has convincingly laid to rest fears that he might approve legalization of marijuana. And he has solved the abortion problem by simply beating a fast retreat from an earlier pre-primary stand in favor of liberalization.

He has not, however, been able to dodge the amnesty issue. And he has defended himself in misleading fashion, which has added to doubts about his credibility.

McGovern has consistently favored a general amnesty after the Vietnamese War, although he would not extend it to deserters, who might be guilty of other crimes in addition. He has repeatedly compared his attitude with that of Abraham Lincoln, who granted amnesty following the Civil War. He does not, however, point out that Lincoln was dealing with a unique tragedy in which Americans had been asked to fight against other Americans, and relatives against relatives.

McGovern also has claimed that he is merely following common Presidential practice, since a blanket amnesty has been granted after all previous wars. That claim is not accurate. Amnesty was granted after World War II and after the Korean War only on a case-by-case basis, each individual being judged on the merits of his situation.

In tacit acknowledgment of the issue's sensitivity, McGovern carefully avoided use of the word amnesty in his major televised speech on Vietnam. He spoke instead of giving the young men who have chosen jail or exile rather than fight in Vietnam "the opportunity to come home."

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Old Ireland Was Never Like This!

Dublin Policeman Keeps Busy On Visit Here

BY DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

Sean Lawlor of Ireland is on a vacation trip to the United States but he has been almost as busy as when he is pounding his beat as a Dublin policeman.

He is visiting a cousin, Mrs. Larry Kelly, her husband and son of 1338 Aurilla drive, St. Joseph.

Both the St. Joseph Police department and the Berrien County Sheriff's department have taken the young Irishman on night patrols to give him an intimate look at police operations in this country.

In addition he has heard a lecture on law enforcement at Lake Michigan college and attended other meetings of law enforcement officers.

Lawlor, 21, a policeman a

year and a half following six months at Templemore Training Center in county Tipperary, will have a lot to tell his buddies back in Dublin. Irish police do not carry firearms. American police have a small arsenal at their disposal at all times. A baton, a smaller version of the American night stick, is the Irish policeman's main weapon. There is a difference in the routine following an arrest and the appearance in court. Probably the biggest difference is the equipment available to American policemen on a day-to-day basis.

One of the most fascinating instruments is Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) where a computer lists drivers, their licenses, list of traffic violations, auto licenses, stolen cars and other information—all available in seconds to lawmen.

Lawlor, to whom a smile comes easily, likes the friendly Americans. He had been in this country only a few days when he was included in an invitation extended to the Kellys to attend a party. There he met ex-FBI agent John Sullivan who took Lawlor to the lecture at LMC where he was introduced by Lt. Michael D. Devine of the Berrien County Sheriff's department.

From the introduction at LMC came the invitation to ride on patrol, first with Sgt. Richard Eggleston of the St. Joseph Police department and last Monday with Deputy James Bale of the sheriff's department.

Lawlor said becoming an Irish police officer is difficult. There is no lack of candidates. But they are thoroughly tested both from an academic and physical standpoint. Then comes a six-month course at the training center. Courses cover police duties, civil defense, self defense, first aid, swimming, fire arms and physical training.

The young officer took advantage of a charter flight put together by the International Police association. Approximately 200 police officers were on the plane. Most of them signed up for a tour that included Chicago and New York. They will get a chance to visit the big city law enforcement facilities.

Lawlor completed his visit of the midwest by attending the Missouri-Notre Dame football game. He said he could sense the Missouri determination early in the game—even though it was his first football game. He likes American football and cars. He said the weather is colder in the winter and warmer in the summer in this part of the Midwest than in Ireland. He thinks Americans put too many spices in their food.

He is generally silent about difficulty in Northern Ireland.



AUTOMATIC AMERICANS: LL Nelson Goodwin of the St. Joseph Police department, explains operation of the department's communication system. Lawlor, a Dublin, Ireland policeman, found American sidearms, the LEIN system and other equipment American policemen take for granted, most fascinating. (Staff Photo)

Hot Check Writers Busy In Twin Cities

Fraudulent check passers appear to be currently operating in the Twin Cities area, according to Det. Larry Morrow of the Benton Harbor police.

According to Morrow, two separate checking accounts were opened Oct. 19 and 20 at

Twin Cities Corps To Be In Parade

NEW TROY — The Twin Cities Drum, Bugle and Pipe corps will be one of nearly 50 units appearing in the Halloween-Harvest Festival parade at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in New Troy.

The parade, sponsored by the Weesaw township fire department, will start at the intersection of California and Sawyer roads and end at the Ball Brothers Industrial Rubber plant.

the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan on Colfax avenue, Benton township. One account was opened in the name of a Greg Morris, 168 Elvern, Benton Harbor, and the second account was opened to a Howard Green, 650 Pavone, Benton Harbor. Neither man lives at the address listed for him.

According to bank records, Morris opened his account with a deposit of \$9; Green opened his with \$10. Each was given a starter booklet of eight checks.

Det. Morrow was notified today that two checks in excess of \$300 each have been written by the men, plus six others for smaller amounts. Morrow said only one man may be involved, since some of Morris's checks were signed by Green. The fraudulent checks were used in stores in the Twin Cities area.

Morrow warned businesses that accept checks as payment to look for checks written by Morris or Green. He said eight checks still are unaccounted for.

The fraudulent checks are

being sent to the fraudulent check unit at the Michigan State police crime lab in East Lansing to determine if they are they work of one man, and to check if a known group is passing the checks.

Benton Church Plans Halloween Party Monday

The congregation of Union Memorial AME church will sponsor a masked Halloween party Monday, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., for children of preschool age to 12 years old. The Rev. and Mrs. C. Wesley Gordon will supervise the party at the church, South Crystal avenue, Benton township.

The Rev. Gordon said the congregation is sponsoring the party Monday instead of trick or treating Tuesday from door to door. A prize will be given for the best costume.

Persons who are not members of the congregation may have their children attend if they are accompanied by an older person and phone the church or pastor's residence in advance.



NEW WAUKONDA: Waukonda avenue in Benton Harbor and Benton township is now open to traffic as result of \$465,638 construction project funded by Model Cities. This view shows 3,706 feet of new paving from Paw Paw avenue (bottom) to Woodland avenue. Project also included 656 feet of paving on Woodland. John G. Yerington Construction Co. was general con-

tractor. Residential speed limit of 25 mph is now in effect. Separate project involving Benton township and Whirlpool is paving a section north of Woodland for access to west side of Ross field (top left) where Whirlpool hangar is located. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

Children Invited To Tour Haunted House In St. Joe

Phi Kappa Nu fraternity of Lake Michigan college will stage a Halloween "haunted house" exhibition in St. Joseph Monday and Tuesday for trick-or-treaters and their parents.

According to Jim Hornus, 19, president of the fraternity, the horror house will be located on the corner of Park street and Court, behind Washington elementary school, St. Joseph.

Hornus said the house will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 30, and 5 to 8 p.m. on Halloween. Children may tour

both the upstairs and downstairs portion of the house for a 25 cent donation.

A St. Joseph rector granted permission to the fraternity to use the unoccupied house for two days for the project. Each room of the house will hold something different for those venturing through, Hornus said.

According to Hornus, both the St. Joseph and Benton Harbor school systems have endorsed the idea. The fraternity hopes to make the event annual if support of the plan is high.

Hospital Official Honored

Harvey E. Vander Bee, Controller of Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph, has been awarded the William G. Follmer Merit Award by the Western Michigan Chapter Hospital Financial Management association.

The presentation was made at the 19th annual conference and Workshop on Hospital Financial Management in Ann Arbor and is sponsored by the five Michigan chapters of the association.

A member of the Western Michigan Chapter since 1966, Vander Bee has served in the capacities of president and president-elect.

The Follmer Award, which honors one of the founders of the association, is designed to recognize service to the area chapter. A point system is used to determine recipients, and a chapter member must earn 100 points to qualify for the award. A maximum of 31 points can be earned in one year.



HARVEY E. VANDER BEE
Wins Award

Commissioners Okay SJ, Lake Township Water System Plans

A county-backed \$4.7 million expansion of St. Joseph's water treatment plant and a brand new \$3.5 million water intake and distribution system for Lake township were tentatively okayed Thursday by Berrien county commissioners.

Both received tentative approval earlier from the county board of public works and now return to it for financing and construction, subject to final approval of county commissioners.

Commissioner Edward Grieger, who introduced both resolutions Thursday, said he's proud of the fact that county faith and credit backs some \$60 million in similar projects. They use county backing to obtain lower interest rates for bond sales.

Lake township would build a brand new Lake Michigan intake and water distribution system to serve township residents and the new Hoover-Ugine wire rod plant. St. Joseph would double its water plant capacity, from 8 to 16 million gallons a day.

Adrian Tax Suit Set For Hearing

ADRIAN, Mich. (AP) — Le-nawee County Circuit Court Judge Rex Martin will hold a hearing Nov. 20 on a suit against the county Board of Commissioners. The suit was filed by the Adrian School District because this year's tax

roles have not been certified. Adrian School Superintendent Carlo Heikkinen said the county has collected no taxes while appealing the State Tax Commission's equalized valuation of property taxes. He said the

schools are faced with the prospect of borrowing some \$500,000 per month to continue operations.

The suit seeks a Michigan Appeals Court ruling which would apply statewide.

SMC Race Gets Another Candidate

Raymond Staples Opens Write-In Campaign

DOWAGIAC — High school teacher Raymond C. Staples Jr. has combined forces with Robert C. Guntle as opposition candidates for positions on the board of Southwestern Michigan college.

Both have announced they are write-in candidates for the positions available in the Nov. 7 election.

The addition of Staples brings to six the number of men seeking three seats on the board. These include in addition to Guntle, incumbents Foster Daugherty, Albert Karris and Dale Lyons as well as newcomer Blair Weller.

Staples, 46, of 307 Center street, Dowagiac, said the aim of his campaign is to put an end to "one-man rule" by Dr. Fred Mathews, chairman of the board since the community college was organized in 1964. He described other members of the board as "rubber stamps."

Staples takes issue with SMC's practice of naming

buildings and roads after living persons, citing the Fred L. Mathews library, Mathews road and the Charles O. Zollar building.

Staples said he is campaigning in conjunction with Guntle, 38, of 708 East Prairie Ronde, Dowagiac, whose campaign centers on his assertion that college accreditation is jeopardized by certain board practices. The board has denied the charge.

Another campaign issue raised by Staples concerns a questionnaire sent by the board to district residents during an earlier phase of on-going negotiations with instructors over a new contract. Staples described the questionnaire, which related to the board's bargaining position, as "slanted."

His questions to the board concerning financing of the questionnaire have gone unanswered, he said.

Employed by the Dowagiac schools for 17 years, Staples now teaches government and social studies at the high school. He earlier taught at schools in Schoolcraft, Dexter and Gobles.

Among public offices, Staples was a member of the Dowagiac city council for a year and a half and president of the Dowagiac cemetery board. He is currently the president of the Dowagiac Human Relations commission and a member of the Dowagiac Board of Special Assessments. He was elected four times president of the Dowagiac Education association.

A native of Jackson, he received a B.S. degree from Michigan State university and an M.A. degree from Western Michigan university.

His wife, Linda, teaches at the high school.



RAYMOND C. STAPLES JR.
Write-in candidate



RAIN-DELAYED CONSTRUCTION: Supt. of Schools Donald McAlvey blamed rainy weather for putting construction of the \$1.8 million Eau Claire high school about a month behind schedule. Workmen are in

process of finishing the roof on classroom section, at right. Others are installing sidewalks and grading for 99-space parking lot at upper left of photo. Located on

Hochberger road just outside the village limits, the school is scheduled for completion by early January. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

Pay Hikes Adopted On Split Vote

Record Berrien Budget Approved

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Berrien county commissioners Thursday okayed a record \$9.6 million county budget with a 19-0 vote, then split 14-5 while adopting pay increases for the 1973 county board of commissioners and county elected officials.

County employees' pay boosts will be acted on in December. But the board had to act Thursday on commissioner and

elected officials' pay or wait a year, on advice of the prosecutor, according to commissioners' salary chief, Leslie Fischer.

Talk centered solely on pay hikes for commissioners, commissioner committee chairmen and the head of the county board, which numbers 13 next year rather than today's 21. There was no discussion on elected officials' pay before the 14-5 vote ap-

proving the hikes.

Annual salaries effective Jan. 1, 1973, with 1972 pay in parentheses, are:

Commissioners, \$3,000 (\$2,500); committee chairmen, \$3,500 (\$2,500); board chairman, \$4,000 (\$3,100). It was their first pay hike since 1968. County clerk, \$16,000 (\$14,700); treasurer, \$14,000 (\$13,100); register of deeds, \$13,000 (\$12,100); drain commissioner, \$5,500 (same);

sheriff, \$18,000 (\$17,000); prosecuting attorney, \$23,200 (\$22,300); probate judges, \$27,500 (same); district judges \$24,000 (\$22,500); circuit judges, \$33,000 (\$30,500).

District, probate and circuit judges receive a state salary and county supplement, so it was only the supplements that commissioners actually hiked Thursday. The probate supplement remains the same at \$12,500; district supplements were hiked from \$3,000 to \$4,500; and circuit supplements were boosted from \$6,500 to \$9,000.

It was the first pay hike for circuit judges since 1968, and, in effect, since 1965, according to court sources.

Commissioner Sheridan Cook led the fight against extra pay for county board committee chairmen as an unwarranted precedent. He was joined by Commissioner Jacquelyn Zerlaut.

Both agreed with a basic \$500 boost for commissioners but opposed the precedent of higher pay for committee chairmen.

"If you want to raise everybody a thousand dollars, then go ahead and do it," Cook said. "I wouldn't agree with it, but at least it would be consistent."

He was beaten 15 to 4 on a resolution to fix each commissioners' pay hike at \$500, regardless of committee position.

Fischer, who introduced the pay hike package, said committee chief pay should be higher to attract good men, especially since the board will lose half its good men Jan. 1 and the chairmen's workload may jeopardize their regular jobs or result in lower earnings than comparable non-commissioner employees.

Cook and Mrs. Zerlaut were joined by T. J. "Jack" Carter, Edward Grieger and Carl Gnodtke in no votes. All are lame ducks, except Gnodtke, who is challenged for reelection Nov. 7.

Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor advised by letter that pay hikes for commissioners and county officers by law "shall be fixed by the board on or before Oct. 31st each year," Fischer unreported. The county customarily awarded such

boosts in December.

Judges and Berrien county's new 13-member board of commissioners aren't covered by the federal 5.5 per cent wage hike ceiling, the Internal Revenue Service advised, Fischer added. Pay boosts for other elected officials average 5.5 per cent, he noted.

The record \$9.6 million budget was virtually a rubber-stamp item with no opposition. The fact that the final budget was higher than the tentative budget illustrates the "fast-moving financial pace" of government and county success in obtaining outside grants, Finance committee Chairman Ernest Chase said.

Commissioners Thursday also adopted the 1972 tax spread: by resolution approved a final plan for a \$1.4 million county juvenile detention center, and appointed Robert Pagel of Berrien Springs to fill a vacancy left by resigning Commissioner Harry Nye of Royalton township. Nye became county drain commissioner. Pagel will fill his

unexpired 1972 term as commissioner.

The 1972 tax spread was okayed with little discussion. Under a state law in effect since 1969, the spread is shown in mills rather than dollars.

But county Equalization Director Fran Rawlinson estimates the spread represents some \$34.8 million in levies against property for county government, townships, schools, Lake Michigan college, county buildings and bridges, county Intermediate school district and countywide special education.

Rawlinson estimated county government will get \$4,450,000; townships \$1,220,000 for operations and almost \$1 million more for special assessments; Lake Michigan college \$1,225,000; county buildings and bridges \$460,000; and county schools, Intermediate school districts and special education \$26,500,000.

The tax spread does not include an additional estimated

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Clark Equipment Chief To Get National Award

NILES — Walter E. Schirmer, board chairman and chief executive officer of Clark Equipment company, will be awarded the American Eagle award from Invest-In-America National Council Inc. Thursday, Nov. 2 at the Pickwick Club, Star building, Niles.

The award will be presented by Zenon C. R. Hansen, chairman and president of Invest-In-America, at a reception and dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

American Eagle award recipients are selected for their contributions to America's growth. Invest-In-America is a non-profit educational organization that works to promote a better understanding of the American economic system.



WALTER E. SCHIRMER
To be honored



HALLOWEEN DISPLAY: Witches, spirits and goblins on the prowl Halloween night will feel right at home in the front yard of the Seth Warfield family, 9505 Pine street, Bridgman, where several members of

the gang have already gathered. A pumpkin-headed scarecrow is flanked by two giant jack-o-lanterns, a witch and bats fly overhead, while a skeleton and ghost stand at either side. (Barbara Taylor photo)